ADA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes February 6, 2013

Attendance/Location

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held at the Hood Bldg. Members present: Mr. Jason Bunch, (Ward 4); Mr. Dewayne Cheatham, (JATRAN Head of Operations); Ms. Lee Cole, (ADA Council Chairperson, Ward 2); Dr. Scott Crawford, (Ward 7); Ms. Christy Dunaway, (LIFE of MS); Ms. Ollie Lester, (Addie McBryde Center); Mr. Theo Letman, (JATRAN General Manager); Ms. Judy Sikes, (Coalition For Citizens With Disabilities); Mr. Desmeon Thomas (Ward 3); Ms. Jacqueline Washington, (Ward 5); Ms. Swannie Wilson, (JATRAN Handilift Program Manager); Visitor/Guest: Ms. Gina Dyess, (MS Library Commission); Mr. Carl Allen, (City of Jackson); Ms. Evelyn Pittman, (COJ Transit Services); Ms. Janice Yancy, (MDOT); and Mr. Bul Mabil, (MDOT).

Call to Order

Chairperson Cole called the meeting of the ADA Advisory Council to order at 1:08 p.m. Members and guest introduced themselves. There were 11 voting members in attendance. Minutes of the January 2013 Advisory Council were read by Judy Sikes. Motion to adopt the minutes with amendments made by Dunaway, 2nd by Crawford, Minutes were approved. Due to training, there will not be a Transition Plan Report from the Department of Personnel.

Election

The floor was open for the nomination of recording secretary. Ollie Lester was nominated by Dunaway. Lester elected by acclamation.

Updates

Mr. Crawford gave a synopsis of his testimony before Hinds County Board of Supervisors at the Chancery Court as to why they need to comply with the ADA. He emphasized that in 22 years, the County has no ADA Coordinator, Self-Assessment or Transition Plan. The board voted to hire an ADA Coordinator.

Ms. Cole, Ms. Lester and Mr. Crawford gave feedback from the demonstration of the voting machines. There were 3 vendors with the AutoMark, Image Scan and Unisyn Voter Elect. All machines use paper ballots and electronic scan. They had some similar features to make them accessible.

Ms. Cole encouraged the Council to set some goals for this year.

Old/New Business

Mr. Crawford informed the Council that the City Council approved the Helmet Law. However, if a person lives on a coulter sack, they don't have to wear a helmet.

The taxi ordinance has been cancelled for this year.

Ms. Cole wants to revisit the Red Cross evaluation of senior centers. The City still has not received this report.

Ms. Dunaway stated the sensitivity training is ongoing. JATRAN has 9 bus drivers to be trained and 3 others scheduled.

Announcements/Calendar of Events

- 02/13/13 "All Hands on Deck" Disability Awareness Day at the Capital 9:00am 2:00 pm sponsored by the Coalition.
- 03/08/13 Job Fair for military veterans, spouses and dependents at Agricultural Museum
- 03/20/13 Job Fair at Trade Mart for the public
- 06/10-11/13 The Transportation Coordination Summit
- 06/19-21/13 The DisABILITY Mega Conference

Next Meeting

The next meeting is Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the 1st floor conference room of the Hood Bldg.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

These Minutes were written by Ms. Ollie Lester, Addie McBryde Center and approved at the March 06, 2013 meeting.